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- Carlos Castillo Ibarra, Nicaraguan revolutionary leader of the Patriotic Committee, stated recently that both President Arevalo of Guatemala, and Major Jacobo Arbenz, Guatemalan Defense Minister, are using the American Embassy in Guatemala to camouflage their differences in policy.
- 2. The recent vacillation displayed by the Quatemalan government in cooperating in the removal of Caribbean Legion troops from Costa Rica to Guatemala was probably the idea of Arbenz himself, rather than an entirely official attitude. Arbenz obstructed the revolutionary efforts, explaining that the American Embassy would interfere if the efforts were carried out.
- 3. Arevalo and Col. Francisco Arana, Chief of the Guatemalan Armed Forces, were almost convinced of the validity of Arbenz' contention, when Dr. Castillo Ibarra challenged the latter. Castillo Ibarra maintained that the Embassy's natural interest in keeping abreast of revolutionary events was not to be construed as interference, and Arbenz withdrew from his position.
- Castillo Ibarra said he believed that Arbenz was working at cross purposes with Arevalo, possibly for his own political advantage, and that Arevalo is reluctant to admit that Arbenz, his subordinate, is out of his control. Therefore, Arevalo has likewise found a reference to the American Embassy or the State Department to be a handy way out of some embarrassing situations.
- 5. Castille Ibarra added that he had received information that Faul Warren, while pretending to serve the Nicaraguan revolutionary cause, is actually a spy for Somoza. No details were revealed.

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